



# Manchester Urban Ponds Restoration Program

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## Crystal Lake Facts

- **Location:** Bodwell Road in south Manchester
- **Other Names:** Once known as Skenker's Pond, then Mosquito Pond
- **Type of Waterbody:** Natural pond
- **Inlet/Outlet:** No surface water inlet. The outlet, Mosquito Brook, flows into the Great Cohas Swamp/Cohas Brook, then into Pine Island Pond, and eventually empties out into the Merrimack River
- **Watershed Area:** 200.07 acres
- **Waterbody Size:** 18.67 acres
- **Volume of Water:** 217,000 m<sup>3</sup>
- **Mean/Average Water Depth:** 9.5 feet
- **Maximum Water Depth:** 21 feet
- **Shoreline Length:** 3,068 feet
- **Elevation:** 206 feet
- **Uses:** Swimming, boating, fishing
- **Public Boat Launch:** No designated boat launch, but visitors could launch a canoe or kayak adjacent to the beach.
- **Amenities:** Public swimming beach, bathing facility, picnic pavilion, playground
- **Local Legend:** "The Hermit of Mosquito Pond", Charles Lambert who lived self-sufficiently in seclusion at Crystal Lake for over 60 years
- **Lake Association:** Crystal Lake Preservation Association (CLPA)

